

Brownfields 2004 Grant Fact Sheet

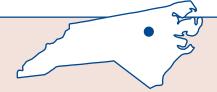
Raleigh, NC

EPA Brownfields Program

EPA's Brownfields Program empowers states, communities, and other stakeholders in economic development to work together to prevent, assess, safely clean up, and sustainably reuse brownfields. A brownfield site is real property, the expansion, redevelopment, or reuse of which may be complicated by the presence or potential presence of a hazardous substance, pollutant, or contaminant. On January 11, 2002, the President signed into law the Small Business Liability Relief and Brownfields Revitalization Act. Under the Brownfields Law, EPA provides financial assistance to eligible applicants through four competitive grant programs: assessment grants, revolving loan fund grants, cleanup grants, and job training grants. Additionally, funding support is provided to state and tribal response programs through a separate mechanism.

Community Description

The City of Raleigh was selected to receive a brownfields assessment grant. Of the city's 276,093 residents, 115,166 live in the state-designated downtown Development Zone, where unemployment and poverty rates are several times the county average. There are 1,600 potential brownfields in the Development Zone. The city plans to target the top 100 sites that could provide strategic locations for business and service redevelopment projects during the next 10 years. Cleanup of these brownfields is expected to create jobs, increase the community's tax base, and make available clean, blight-free properties to provide greenspace and support economic development.



Assessment Grant



\$200,000 for hazardous substances \$200,000 for petroleum

EPA has selected the City of Raleigh for a brownfields assessment grant. Hazardous substances grant funds will be used to identify and rank brownfields in the targeted downtown area with a high concentration of brownfields, and adjacent residential areas. Funds also will be used to develop a cleanup and redevelopment strategy, create a Brownfields Community Network, and implement a community environmental education program. Petroleum grant funds will be used to perform the same tasks for sites contaminated with petroleum.

Contacts

For further information, including specific grant contacts, additional grant information, brownfields news and events, and publications and links, visit the EPA Brownfields web site at: www.epa.gov/brownfields.

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http://www.epa.gov/region4/waste/bf/index.htm

Grant Recipient: Raleigh, NC 919-890-3664

The cooperative agreement for this grant has not yet been negotiated; therefore, activities described in this fact sheet are subject to change.